

Remarks

Reconsideration of this Application is respectfully requested.

In response to the examiner's comments in the Office Action mailed December 7, 2007, Applicant's have herein addressed the rejections and objections contained in the prior Office Action mailed June 4, 2007 as applied to the originally presented claims 1-32 prior to the Amendment filed October 4, 2007.

Upon entry of the foregoing amendment, claims 1-32 are pending in the application, with claims 1 and 27-32 being the independent claims. Claims 27 and 30 are amended herein. These changes are believed to introduce no new matter, and their entry is respectfully requested.

Based on the above amendment and the following remarks, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider all outstanding objections and rejections and that they be withdrawn.

Objections to the Drawings

The Examiner objected to FIG. 4A. A replacement drawing of FIG. 4A in compliance with 37 C.F.R. 1.121(b) is submitted herein.

Statutory Double Patenting Rejection

Claims 27 and 30 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101 as claiming the same invention as that of claims 26 and 29, respectively, of prior U.S. Patent No. 7,010,559.

Claims 27 and 30 are amended herein to overcome this rejection. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claims 27 and 30 is respectfully requested.

Non-Statutory Double Patenting Rejection

Claims 1-25, 28-29, and 31-32 are rejected on the ground of non-statutory obviousness type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-25, 27-28, and 30-31, respectively, of U.S. Patent No. 7,010,559.

Without acquiescing to the propriety of this rejection, Applicants submit a timely filed terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.321(c) to overcome this rejection. Reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection of claims 1-25, 28-29, and 31-32 is respectfully requested.

Conclusion

All of the stated grounds of objection and rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider all presently outstanding objections and rejections and that they be withdrawn. Applicants believe that a full and complete reply has been made to the outstanding Office Action and, as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

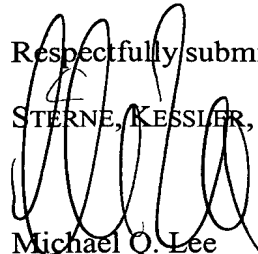
Prompt and favorable consideration of this Amendment and Reply is respectfully requested.

Reply to Office communication of December 7, 2007

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